

The following collection of rough notes
was recorded by the undersigned
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Dec 7

- 2:25 Jap naval planes bombed Pearl Harbor + Honolulu + Manila.
- 4:00 Japan Imperial cabinet declared war on U.S. and Britain effective at dawn Monday (time)
- 6:42 A Jap aircraft carrier reported sighted off of Honolulu by the Tama

The report that Manila was bombed has proven false. 350 American soldiers killed at Hawaiian airport barracks. Considerable damage done at Pearl Harbor by Jap planes. The U.S.S. Oklahoma was set afire and the U.S.S. West Virginia was possibly sunk.

- 6:50 Jap troops began the invasion of Siam at this time. They entered from Indo China. Also at this time a blackout was ordered at the Naval Air Station at Sitka Alaska

About 6:00 all U.S. forces were reported (air + sea) were reported to have the situation well in hand. All messages to and from the American War Zone were subjected to strict censorship this P.M. the army reported.

All men honorably discharged from 9th Army corps ordered back to service this evening.

7:20 The Jap naval forces planted the flag of the rising sun on one of our gunboats in a Jap held ~~Chinese~~ Chinese port. Probably the "Wake".

7:24 Jap forces occupied Wake Island according to a report from Shanghai.

7:31 San Francisco declared in a state of emergency. All strikes in that area have been banned.

7:48 Unofficially Singapore is reported under severe attack by Japs.

7:50 Army War Dept. reported to the White House officially that 104 soldiers were killed in the attack on Oahu.

8:15 Dutch East Indies have officially declared war on Japs. Also Costa Rica has been the first Latin American to declare war on Japan.

- 8:29 All civilian aircraft grounded on pacific coast and soldiers wearing full war time pack moving to vital areas
- 9:00 F.D.R. met with cabinet members, army chiefs and congressional leaders met in extraordinary meeting
- 9:52 Canada declared War
- 10:34 Japs report they bombed Hong Kong + the Malay states
- 10:38 British report a Jap attempt to land troops at Singapore has been repulsed,
- 10:39 F.D.R. will address Congress Noon tomorrow
- 10:52 Premier Tojo promised his people complete victory against Britain + American.
- 12:47 An American Army transport was sunk off of the ~~Philippines~~ Philippines
- 12:50 Argentina declares it will remain neutral
- 1:07 Nicaragua + Panama declared war shortly after Costa Rica
- Monday Dec 8,
- 12:15 Free French declare war
- 12:17 Hudson bombers in Malaya bombed Jap troop ships

Manila Island attacked this morning.

- 12:00 Reports that 1 battleship destroyer + several others + 300 planes destroyed by Japs
- 12:31 F.D.R. began to speak
- 3:40 War Resolution sent to F.D.R.
- 4:00 F.D.R. signed Declaration
- 8:50 U.S.S. destroyer Preston unoff. claimed sunk
- 8:45 U.S.S. battleship Pennsylvania
- 9:00 China declared war on Jap. Ger + Italy
- 9:15 Churchill declared England at War
- 10:00 Unofficial U.S.S. Langley damaged
2 Tankers sunk
- 10:30 Siam capitulates to Japan
- 10:55 Manila ordered Blacked Out
- 10:60 3000 casualties in Hawaii (unoff.)
- 1:00 Senate unanimously passed Dictatorship of War 82-0
- 2:30 39th Division ordered on Patrol of Miss.
- 2:40 Guam surrounded by Jap Naval units
- 2:15 Manila being attacked by Jap planes
- 2:30 Manila still under attack by 10 bombers direct hits on military objects
- (Later) Nichols Field Philippines heavily bombed
- (Tonight) 1 hangar demolished 15 casualties fires started
- 2:45 Unoff. reported that Jap carrier was sighted off of Calif. Oakland schools closed. A 5 minute false air alarm was sounded in Los Angeles

9:20 Egypt declared War on Japan

Germans + Japs rounded up in Canal Zone

Jap Bombers blasting Guam.

6:30 Argentina gives U.S. permission to use its ports + all facilities. Recognizes us as non-belligerent.

7:31 Dominican Republic has just declared War

8:01 Most of Oregon together with Seattle was blacked out tonight

8:27 Unoff. It is reported Japs have landed troops on Subang in the Philippines. Tonight all radio stations in Oregon have gone off the air.

8:31 Guatemala declared war

Colombia + Mexico broke off relations with Japs.

As of Dec. 8 → * In War, ✓ friendly to U.S. ? Neutral

- 1 U.S. *
- 2 Mexico ✓
- 3 Cuba ✗ *
- 4 Dominican Rep *
- 5 Haiti *

8:30 A squadron of unidentified planes are reported headed for San Francisco. The city is blacked out.

- 6 Guatemala ✗ *
- 7 El Salvador ✗ *
- 8 Honduras ✗ *
- 9 Nicaragua *
- 10 Costa Rica *

10:23 Washington: Army denies all reports of an imminent attack on the west coast.

- 11 Panama *
- 12 Colombia ✓
- 13 Venezuela ?
- 14 Ecuador ?
- 15 Peru ?

Dec 9.
10:30 Air raid on Manila
8:15 Int. command attempted to locate carrier but failed

- 16 Bolivia ✓
- 17 Chile ?
- 18 Brazil ✓
- 19 Argentina O✓
- 20 Paraguay ?
- 21 Uruguay ?

10:00 U.S.S. Tangley not sunk

10:00 Jap planes driven from Manila

10:15 Jap planes attacked Guam

8:45 + 2:45
10:30 Unoff. Tokys + Formosa bombed by U.S. planes
3rd air raid in California

Dec 9 Cont.

10:30 All radio stations on Pacific coast ordered to cease broadcasting by Army

1200 Ger. Jap + Ital rounded up in U.S.

10:45 German raider reported off of Uruguay

11:30 Nazis abandoned Moscow battle have lost 6 Million men 30000 tanks

Hong Kong repulsed Jap air raid

11:45 South Africa declares War

12:00 Wash. Germ. may make war within 24 hours.

Last night 60 enemy planes flew over Golden Gate but lost way + turned back.

12:30 a squadron of enemy planes reported 2 hrs out of N.Y. Interceptor aircraft ordered up.

1:00 Congress attempting to pass

law allowing selectees
to go out of homes.

1:30 All N.Y. radios off air.
at 100 enemy planes $\frac{1}{2}$ hr out
of N.Y. All schools in

N.Y. closed. Air raid sirens sounded.

1:40 All people ordered off N.Y. streets

1:48 Boston schools closed

2:00 All radio stations put under
Army. Lights on capitol dome ordered
out tonight

3:00 F.D.R. just proclaimed there is
a threat of German invasion

4:00 It has now reported Air
raid on N.Y. was false.

10:00 F.D.R. spoke to Amer
people on War.

11:00 British in Malaya are
pouring tons of bombs on Jap
ships. Have control of air.
Cuba declared War earlier this war.
More unidentified planes over
Los Angeles



Dec 10.

- 8:15 Japs admit 2 transports sunk 1 damaged
- 9:46 German radio sta reports King George V sunk. sunk off
- 10:00 21 American republics to meet to discuss defence
some time soon. Reds claim 15,000 nazis
annihilated
- 10:15 Japs claim they're ready for 10 yr. War. (oh yeah!)
- 10:35 (Japs are making 2 landings on Luzon Island.
Terrific battle sunk off. claimed going on near Honolulu.
British have off. admitted Jap planes have
sunk Prince of Wales + Battle cruiser Repulse.
- 10:35 (From Tokyo) Japs now claim they have sunk the
Enterprise. I doubt it tho.
Japs attempting to land at Singapore but British
beating them off.
- 10:45 2 new destroyers launched at Boston.
- 11:00 U.S. forces at Luzon are beating off Jap landing forces.
U.S. planes scored direct hits on 6 Jap troop ships.
3 sunk; rest severely damaged.
- 11:30 Telegrams of support pouring into White House.
Japs admit they have failed in landing troops at Hong Kong.
- 12:00 Hong Kong being shelled. Japs claim they
have air control at Malaya
- 1:30 Japs have interred Amer. British + Canad. for duration
from Wash. It is believed German officials are
burning their official papers. Moscow Reds
gaining on all fronts.
- 2:45 U.S. forces have captured "numerous" Jap para-
troops north of Manila.
- 3:00 French are reported to have turned Tunisia
over to Germany also units of Fr. Fleet.
- 3:45 Air raid just sounded in Los Angeles
- 5:00 New York Harbor mined
- Not much more news tonight other than
that Our troops are really doing quantity work
against Japs in Philippines. Not just bla

at. Saboteurs in Oregon started brush fires in shape of arrow pointing to Seattle! Rangers put out fires + are searching for culprits.

Dec 11.

- 7:50 Martial Law declared in Hawaii
- 7:15 Tokyo Japs off. lying agency claims to have sunk the U.S.S. Lexington.
- 7:30 The old Jap battleship Haruna was sunk this A.M. by one of our bombers. Commanded by Colin Kelly. Tokyo Japs claim to have shot down 81 U.S. planes so far 2000 men from P.O.W. + Repulse have been saved.
- 8:15 Off. Last nite more Jap planes over Los Angeles. No bombs dropped.
- 8:02 Germany + Italy have officially declared war on U.S. Adolf is still speaking to Nazis.
- 8:20 Bolivia declared war on Japan, 30 killed in Manila last nite.
- 10:00 Adolf talked for 127 min. Mussy for only 1 min. Adolf admits he has lost the Syrian campaign and says he wouldn't have attacked Russia had he know it was so strong!
- 10:30 Congress will declare war when it meets at noon U.S. off confirms sinking of Japs Haruna. German Ambassador brought war declaration to Hull but Hull refused to see him.
- 11:00 Bill pending in Congress to call men 18 to 45
- 12:00 Congress assembled to declare war on Axis. F.D.R. did not speak in person.
- 1:15 Senate + House passed war declaration not one dissenting vote. Miss Rankin didn't vote. Congress ~~also~~ also passed bill permitting U.S. armed forces to go anywhere in world.
- 1:45 Off. More than 2,300 men have been rescued so far from P.O.W. + Repulse.
- 2:00 Reds off. announce estimate 4,200,000 Nazi casualties 1,500,000 killed. It is now announced that a Squadron of B-17-E's flying from Calif. to Pearl Harbor arrived at time of Jap bombing. All landed successfully save one which was destroyed. This is a wonderful feat.
- 2:35 Combined U.S. + Philipino troops are pushing invading Jap troops into sea at Luzon Island.

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- 2:45 Republicans have pledged all aid to F.D.R.
Until further notice there will be blackouts in British Colon
- 3:00 Cuba will soon declare war on Axis.
It is an unconfirmed report that 5000 armed Japs
have started an uprising in Mex. Lower Calif. Mexican
troops are crossing our land to put down this revolution
- 3:30 Pres. Roosevelt just signed war declaration on Axis.
- 3:30 Special Units of the Marine Air Force just sunk
a Jap cruiser and destroyer at Wake island.
We now know Japs didn't take Wake for
the Marines are still holding out against great odds.
These men have been subjected to heavy &
repeated Jap raids but keep beating them off.
- 4:00 Another Jap raid on Wake just began. Marines have
"situation well in hand".
- 4:30 Chesapeake Bay is being mined
Costa Rica, our most faithful "good neighbor", has
just declared war on rest of Axis.
Radios in Washington state have gone off air.
- 5:00 Mexico has frozen Jap assets.
- 7:45 Unoff. Hungary has declared war on us.
- 7:26 Off. Secy. Knox has reached Honolulu to inspect
Sunday's damage.
- 7:30 Hundreds of Chink troops are fiercely attacking
Japs all along front. Japs are withdrawing
troops from certain sectors. Some reports
say they are short of men already. It is now
announced that over 20 Jap planes were
destroyed in the Jap raids on Pearl Harbor on
Sunday & Monday.
- 9:01 Another large Jap Battleship has officially been
reported severely damaged by U.S. patrol
bombers off of Luzon.
- 10:30 Army officially announces at least 20 Jap
planes were destroyed in Hawaii raid
The American First Committee has been
dissolved



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Fri Dec 12

- 8:20 Lieut. Kelley the flyer who sunk the Heruna died of wounds at Manilla a few min ago.
- 10:00 Japs have announced to their people that N.Y. is already under bombardment.
- 3:30 Many French ships including the Normandie have been taken over by the Coast Guard. British lines being dentish near Singapore.
- 4:00 French crews being removed from French ships
- 5:00 Panama declares war on Ger. and Italy
- Reds have just claimed the Nazi armies before Moscow are retreating in a rout. In the past 3 weeks Reds have killed 85,000 Nazis, destroyed 23 divisions and recaptured 4000 towns.
- 6:15 off. Navy Comm. Wake and Midway still in American hands. Being valiantly defended by Marines
- 7:30 (Off.) Guam still in our hands. Being defended by Marines + AF of L laborers fighting side by side
- 9:00. Uruguay declares us as non-belligerent.
- 10:30. 5th Columnists setting off red flares in Manila later rifle fire was heard as American soldiers were ordered to shoot to kill.
- 11:00 American V-boats off for far East in "great numbers" ordered to sink enemy ships without warning. Adm. Hart says he expects a great deal of them.

Sat. Dec 13

- 7:45 Japs claim our battleship Arizona has been sunk. Moscow claims 51 Nazi crack divisions are running in retreat.
- 8:15. American + Philipino troops are beating off Japs on northern Luzon. Japs are also attacking Nichols + Mitchell fields.
- 10:15. Combined British and Dutch naval units in the Mediterranean have destroyed an Italian naval flotilla of several cruisers and destroyers.

- 12:00 Dutch navy in Dutch East Indies sunk 4 Jap transports (with U-boats) with probable loss of 4000 Japs.
Nazis still in a rout, now 200 miles from Moscow.
British are rapidly surrounding Axis units in Libya.
- 1:08 Jap troops in northern Luzon have been completely destroyed in N. Luzon.
- 1:35 Dutch have annihilated Jap landing parties in Borneo.
- 5:30 Bulgaria declared war on U.S.
- 5:37 U.S. Naval flyers captured a boat off of Costa Rica. It had a Jap crew and carried 10,000 tons of fuel oil.
- 10:00 ~~Navy~~ Navy has been unable to contact Guam today. Says it is "probable" that Japs have taken the island.

Sun. Dec 14

- 9:15 Dutch U-Boats have sunk 2 more Jap troopships.
- 10:07 Rumania has declared war on U.S.
- 12:00 Nazis still retreating in a rout before Moscow. Now over 200 miles from capital.
Later - British + Reds still wiping up on Nazis on all fronts. Japs appear to be gaining near Hong Kong.
- Mon. Dec. 15.

- 7:30 Amer Bombers reported to have bombed 2 more Jap ships off of Luzon.
Japs made raid on Nichols Field. Little damage.
Their marksmanship very poor. Most of bombs either landed in residential section or in the sea.

Jap sub reported lurking off of Hawaii.
Reds say they will "exterminate" all Nazis on Russian territory. Claim they have killed one generation of Germans.

- 10:30 Japs within shooting distance of Hong Kong (Tokyo)
Dutch navy has sunk 2 more Jap ships, a tanker and a freighter. (confirmed)
Thousands of Japs probably dead after Amer. bomber raid on troop ships.
24 Axis divisions being kept in Greece to suppress uprisings.

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Monday Dec. 15 cont

- 12:00 - British have damaged 3 more axis ships in Med. Sea.
1:00 - Col. Knox today officially announced results of Jap raid on Pearl Harbor.
Arizona (battleships) sunk
Battleship Oklahoma capsized (can be salvaged)
3 old destroyers sunk - Cassin, Downes, Shaw
The Utah sunk - It was an obsolete ship used for training and target practice.
Minelayer Ogakalala sunk.
2729 Navy officers + men killed
168 army men killed
Japs lost 3 subs including a 41 foot 2 man job.
also 41 airplanes
many of our planes + hangars were destroyed on ground.
Knox admitted Navy + Army weren't on alert.

Thurs, Dec 16.

- 12:00 Japs claim to have landed on Borneo.
5:45 2 of Hawaiian islands were shelled in last 24 hours; one by a sub; other by surface vessels. (Off. Navy)
(Off. Navy) Wake has been bombed twice today. When asked by radio what Navy could do for them, Marines replied "Send more Japs".
6:00 Japan officially claims today to have captured Guam after "much difficulty".
6:30 British are attempting to surround Nazi garrisons at Derna.
Congress today gave F.D.R. sweeping war powers.
Adolf's doctor ordered him to Berthel's garden to rest. He is facing a nervous breakdown!

Wed. Dec 17.

7:30 A rumor persists that American forces are attacking coastal cities of Japan.
Japs admit that Amer. subs are lurking off her coasts.

(Special) Adm. Hart announces that a force of "at least 20" of our subs are marauding off of Japan. He says they have been successful in 2 out of 3 attacks on Jap shipping. No more details given out.

R.A.F. sunk 2 more Jap troopships loaded with tanks and landing barges.

3 Jap crew members of burning bomber captured by Philipinos with bolos.

10:30 - Air Force flyer Wagner superbly increased his record by destroying 25 Jap planes on ground with machine guns + bombs.

R.A.F. also got direct hit on another Jap destroyer.

6:40 - Special - Severe army + navy shakeups in Hawaii reported by Washington. Admiral Kimmel, head of U.S. fleet, has been relieved of his command. Also army head of Hawaiian section and Army air force head have been relieved of command and replaced by Army officers who have specialized in air and submarine work.

Thurs Dec 18.

12:00 Off. Manila heavily bombed.

Japs still have footholds in several places on Luzon.

8:15 There are unoff. rumors that Japs have landed some troops on Mindanao near Davao. Filipinos + Americans are heavily resisting by land + air. This island is rich in hemp.

Later Japs are said to have sent 4 trams with 6000 soldiers on the island. Hong Kong, Wake + Midway still holding out.



Friday Dec. 19.

7:30 Rome officially announces that 4 British heavy cruisers were hit by Italian V.-boats some where in Mediterranean.

It is rumored that U.S. forces in Philippines have sunk a Jap carrier + destroyer.
12:00 Navy officially announces American flyers have shot down over 70 Jap planes (with very few losses to themselves) in recent action over Phil. islands.

Not much more additional news. Japs have surrounded Hong Kong and are attempting to gain a landing on the island. British have refused 3 Jap offers to surrender. They are retreating to defenses higher up on island. Wake + Midway are still holding out.

Sat. Dec. 20

12:00 British North African forces have smashed thru Derna and are headed for Benghazi. Gen Rommel's troops are retreating so fast the British can even keep up.

Wake still holding out.

A squadron of Jap planes sunk a Red freighter in Pacific. Russian troops have begun extensive maneuvers near Jap border.

Dutch Air Force using Amer. planes have made direct hits on and perhaps sunk 2 Jap cruisers and 2 troop ships.

12:35 One of our V-Boats just sunk a Jap transport "somewhere in Pacific".

(off.) Japs have landed substantial numbers of troops on Mindanao and are striking at Davao which is defended by American + native troops. Navy admits they are having "some success".

1:00 Japs have landed on Hong Kong Island itself and have forced its defenders into the high bluffs.

above the city. At last reports this small group was still holding out.

The International Squadron made up of American Army flyers who resigned from Air Corps had its first engagement today over Burma Road. Out of a group of 10 Jap planes these flyers shot down 4 with no losses to themselves.

4:00 Navy announced that enemy (probably German) subs are operating off of Atlantic Coast and Jap V Boats are also off of California. Knox says Navy is attempting to "eliminate" them.

11:00 Hong Kong still being defended.

Sun. Dec 21

3:15 Adolf Hitler has officially taken over complete command of Nazi military machine replacing former leader Gen. Braunschweig. This may indicate first discontent among Nazi leaders.

8:31 Special Knox just announced that the U.S. Navy has "dealt with" at least 14 German Subs. in the Atlantic. He also said at least 2 Jap V Boats were sunk off of our Pacific coast. He would not disclose where these actions occurred or the extent of time required for the accomplishment.

9:00 Reds are still retreating west of Moscow area. They are still attacking Sevastopol in South and still have control of Crimea. Gen Rommel's army is still running pell mell for Bengasi with British in hot pursuit. Altho they are being hampered by sand storms the R.A.F. is raising havoc with enemy supply lines.

11:00 Observers in California have reported that they can hear gunfire somewhere at sea and that a group of planes have been sighted. The Morros on Mindanao have pledged 100% support of U.S.

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Mon. Dec 22

7:30 Manila was bombed last night. Japs have opened an all-out major drive against Philippines. They have landed 80 transports in the Bay of Lingayen containing an estimated 50 or 60 thousand troops. This is 100 miles north of Manila. The Army is "more than holding its own" according to McArthur who says plans had been formulated months ago for defence against this very move. Our Air Force is up to meet the Japs and is meeting with success. Bombers are attacking Jap troop ships. Jap V Boat sunk an Amer. Tanker 30 mi off Cal. coast.

Later Americans are using tanks against Japs. Russia has recaptured the Platts section. Reds claim to have captured 730 villages and to have killed 7000 Nazis in "recent actions". Radio broadcasts from Berlin ended without the usual "Heil Hitler".

12:30 Nazis claim to have sunk a British aircraft carrier. The British have surrounded Bengasi where they hope to force the Axis troops into battle.

7:58 Special White House just announced that Churchill, Lord Beaverbrook and a staff of 80 technical experts have arrived in U.S. to confer with American leaders. The Prime Minister arrived in Wash. by air and is now with F.D.R. in White House. They did not say how he got across ocean. A special room has been set aside for Churchill's use. A new estimate says Japs have landed between 80,000 + 100,000 troops on Luzon.

11:00 An American tanker was unsuccessfully shelled by a Jap V Boat 2 miles off of California. Reds + British still smashing at Axis lines on both fronts. Hong Kong, Wake + Midway are still holding out. Our forces in Luzon still stopping Japs.

Tues. Dec. 23

7:30 McArthur's troops still doing well. Already 2 Jap attempts to land have been thrown back although they succeeded in landing a small number at one point. It is official that we have sunk 3 troop ships. One flotilla was forced back by fire from huge American shore guns. Hong Kong still holding out and has even launched a minor offensive move. Hong Kong torpedo

motorboats sunk 2 Jap ships in the harbor.

Unoff 3 Jap V Boats may have been sunk off of California by American Army + Navy bombers. They rushed out + dropped depth bombs.

12:00 F.D.R. + Churchill have established a unified allied command representing all nations fighting axis. They have divided War into 4 theaters - N. Atlantic, Pacific, African, + Europe. Churchill was in on Press conference today + did most of talking.

1:00 Japs have attacked 2 of our ships off of Calif. They sunk 2 and completely missed the others.

Special Japs have landed a small force of an undetermined amount on Wake Island. Navy says Marines are probably still fighting on part of island. They shot down several Jap planes in last few days.

Nazis are fiercely attacking Reds in region of Swastopol where they are having a tough time of it. Otherwise Nazis are on run.

Unconfirmed reports say that Nazi soldiers are filtering into Spain thru France.

4:00 Unoff. Rumors have it that Marshall Petain has resigned his Vichy position and will be succeeded by Darlan.

6:00 Japs have now landed a large number of troops at a point 100 miles south of Manila.

8:00 Jap V-Boat sunk a V.S. oil tanker off of Calif. Army bombers dropped depth charges.

Later British still smashing Axis forces in Libya. They expect to have Benghazi within a couple days.

Wed. Dec. 24

7:30 Japs have made 3 more landings on Philippines making 5 altogether. Army is attacking with heavy bombers and artillery. McArthur may declare Manila an open city so as to save it from further bombing. Fierce fighting is going on both N. + S. of Capitol with V.S. troops standing up well.

12:00 Heaviest Jap troop concentrations are at Lingayen + Antimonan. They landed 40 trans. at a point somewhere south of Capitol. Dutch V-Boat sunk another Jap trans. to keep up their average of 1 a day since start of war. Large numbers of heavy bombers and fighters have arrived at Hawaii to make up for losses at Hickam Field. Exact number of reinforcements not known.

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Wed. Dec. 24 Cont

- 1:00 Reports persist that German troops are pouring into France + Spain. No confirmation. Army has been unable to communicate with Wake Island for over 24 hrs. and says it is "probable" that the Island has been taken. Churchill + F.D.R. still continuing war mapping in numerous conferences. They express hope that Reds will offer aid against Japan.
- 7:45 Army gives report on Wake. The Marines held out against 14 Jap attacks in 17 days. There were only 378 men on the island. They had only 12 fighter planes, 6 5 inch guns, 12 3 inch A.A. guns, 18 50 cal machine guns, 30 30 cal machine guns, and the usual light arms. With this equipment they shot down many Jap planes sank 3 destroyers and one cruiser. Japs claimed the island was defended by 3000 men!
- Hong Kong still holding out.
- 11:00 Reds have captured 80 more towns + killed many thousands and more Nazis, they claim.

Thurs. Dec. 25

- 7:30 Nazis siege Army of Leningrad is gradually being closed in upon by Red forces. Reds are having excellent success in Tula sector. American forces are battling hordes of Jap troops all over Luzon. Jap troopships numbering over 100 are lurking off the shores unable to land their men. Army says already over 20,000 Japs have been landed and far outnumber our troops. However "surv!" Fierce tank and artillery duels going on with our tank corps far superior tank for tank.
- 12:00 Hundreds of people at California witnessed a Jap sub attack and sink an American lumber ship within easy sight of the coast. This makes 8 attacks, 5 of which were unsuccessful.
- Later unconfirmed reports say that the V Baat is lying disabled on the surface of the ocean where it was bombed by Army bombers. Other unoff reports say we have sunk at least three Jap V Boats off of California.
- 3:00 Hong Kong has fallen. British garrison there

was forced to surrender today because of lack of water supplies.

5:00 Churchill + F.D.R. each addressed the nation with X-mas messages.

5:30 British have captured Bengazi and annihilated the Italian force there. They are now roaring towards Tripoli, the last Axis stronghold.

11:00 Reports say that many of the Jap troops in Luzon are boys between 15 + 18 and that they are armed with 25 caliber rifles and machine guns. Our troops are reported mowing them down by the hundreds and are still having success on all fronts. Japs have landed at 8 points but made few further landings today. Manila has been declared an open city but was viciously bombed by Japs today.

Fri. Dec. 26

7:30 Army reports that many of the Jap boys who landed on Luzon were scared stiff and gave up when they saw our troops. Our soldiers are mowing them down with machine guns. Huge tank battles and artillery duels are going on with heavy casualties on both sides. Reds + British still gaining on Moscow front + in Siberia.

12:00 British still on way to Tripoli. Manila has had several air raid signals. No bombs dropped but Japs threw over tons of leaflets. The situation in Luzon is grave. Japs have many strong holds. Our troops hard pressed in places. Tank battle going on only 70 miles from Manila. Japs may have taken Bagio. Dutch sunk 2 more Jap warships today. Midway Island still holding out. British holding firm in Malaya but Japs are bringing up reinforcements. They may abandon another city. American planes over Bangkok took Jap planes at 4-1.

12:30 Churchill spoke to joint session of Congress. Speech lasted till after 1. Makenzie King arrived at Washington.

1:00 In last couple weeks Nazis have lost 20000 men in unsuccessful attempt to take Sevastopol. Reports have it that Nazis have massed twelve hundred fighters + bombers in Southern Italy. Why???

6:55 Special. British commander of East forces has been relieved of command and another General has taken his place. Recent setbacks may be cause.

{ Reds smashing Nazis in Leningrad area. Nazi resistance along entire front is increasing however.

{ V.S. troops have fallen back 20 miles to new defence areas in Singayen area.

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- 11:00 Chung King announces that recent Allied conferences in that city have been concluded. Gen. Wavell, Chiang Kai Chee and an American air chief were there.
Fri. Dec. 26
Sat. Dec. 27
- 7:30 Last nite at about noon manila time squadrons of Jap planes bombed the capitol for over 3 hrs. This occurred after the city was officially declared an open city. Tremendous damage was done and casualties very heavy at least 50 dead and many more wounded. Fierce fighting going on both north & south of Manila with our troops withdrawing to stronger positions but still holding well.
- 12:00 Reports are that Axis tank & motorized reinforcements are heading from Tripoli to meet British troops. Other reports say heavy German troops are headed for Spain. Dutch Air Force has sunk 2 more Jap trans. 1 very large one & 1 smaller. Navy has taken over all Finnish ships in our ports. Biddle has ordered all Japs. Ger. & Italian aliens in 7 western states to surrender all cameras & short wave radios.
- 1:00 Navy announces that 2 of our destroyers were damaged by Jap planes somewhere. No casualties. Other unoff. reports say our ships are combing Calif. waters in search of U-Boats. There have been no recent attacks.
- 5:00 Japan says she will recognize Manila an open city if Filipinos stop fighting. Filipinos just laugh at them and beg army to bring army back to capitol.
- 6:00 Jap columns are at one place only 80 miles from capitol. Late reports say reinforcements have arrived at front lines to aid American defenders. Japs are still being strengthened at all points.
- 11:00 Reds still smashing at Nazis all along front & especially at Leningrad. Gen. Rommel may make a desperate last stand somewhere south of Bengasi.
- Sun. Dec. 28.
- 11:00 AM. Last nite at midnight (about noon manila time) the capitol was again severely bombed by Japs. Another raid occurred sometime in the afternoon. The first raid lasted almost 2 hrs. the last one only 1 hr. Amount of damage & casualties unknown but it is believed the damage was even worse than yesterday's raid. Camp Murphy & boats in harbor also heavily bombed. American forces sunk at least 1 transport and 3 planes in region. Tokyo refuses to recognize Manila an open city but says her planes will confine their operations to military objectives. Wow?!

Reds claim that Nazis have lost 3 entire divisions in last month's operations. British invasion forces have landed at a group of small Nazi occupied islands on the Norway coast. They destroyed military stores and captured a number of Nazi officers. They also took back a number of young Norwegian boys.

2:00 A report comes out of Ireland that a German plane has landed in that country containing a bunch of deserting Nazi officers.

2:30 The Japs have opened a large scale air offensive against Sumatra. Mostly with Paratroops.

9:05 F.D.R. just sent a short wave message to Manila pledging all possible aid the U.S. can give.

9:15 British deny reports that high Nazi officers landed in Ireland.

11:00 It is announced that extensive meetings have been going on in past weeks between Eden & Stalin in Moscow. Wash & Moscow have been in constant communication.

off Navy says action on Luzon has slackened today. Navy also says that our fleet is not inactive, but that it is carrying out prearranged plans. British troops in Malaya are meeting with some success, although Japs at one point are only 100 miles from Singapore.

Mon. Dec. 29.

unoff Stalin may have been invited to Washington.

unoff Dutch Army bombers may have sunk 12 Jap transports in Mindanao Bay.

off Dutch sunk 1 transport damaged 1 cruiser, 1 transport

off American V-Boats have sunk a Jap transport & a supply vessel. One of our destroyers was

damaged by Jap planes. Light casualties

off British in Norway raid captured over 200 Nazi soldiers many "Quislings" destroyed many planes & huge military supplies. A complete success.

The Rhine Valley was heavily bombed last nite by R.A.F.

off During Saturday's & Sunday's Jap raids our A.A. guns alone destroyed 12 planes in Manila area.

Japs bombed coast defense forts heavily at Manila last nite but not the capitol itself.

off From China - on Dec. 26 American planes on Burma Road downed 26 Jap ships with a loss of only 2.

unoff Japs probably have captured Kuching the capitol of Sarawak.

It is now denied that Jap parachute troops have landed in Sumatra.



Mon. Dec. 29. Cont.

Philippine - Gen. McArthur has shortened his lines and is now stationed 55 miles from capital. Our forces still holding their own although heavy Jap reinforcements have landed. Our artillery beat off a Jap landing force at Lingayen. Reports are that Jap tanks are so thin and poorly made that our artillery is easily cutting them down. Jap losses in men are reported to be 10 times as heavy as ours. Churchill is now in Canada. Will speak to Parliament and return to U.S.

- German bombers were over Britain last night for first time in many months. Not over London. Little damage done.

Russia - Many of Nazis soldiers are boys of 17 + 18. Reds say they are poorly clothed + equipped. Reds also say half starved + frozen Italian soldiers clothed in their women's garments are surrendering by hundreds. Japs are still pushing ahead in Malaya. British have lost a couple more cities.

Tues. Dec. 30

12:00 Unofficial reports from V.P. at Manila say that, Far East plane reinforcements from the U.S. have arrived in the Philippines. The type was not stated. Presumably they were bombers. Off. English claim they are launching powerful attacks against Japs. They say Japs are losing 40 men to each Englishman. But still Japs keep coming on. Fierce battles are going on South of Manila but in north our forces have forced Japs to stand still. It is feared that the huge Jap reinforcements in North are preparing for an all out offensive. Japs still have air control. Japs again bombed coast defenses of Manila. Many casualties. Unoff reports say Jap warships participated in attack but were beaten off by coast guns.

Libya British have forced Axis troops into another trap. They claim they destroyed or damaged 42 Axis tanks. Mahatma Gandhi has resigned his political leadership in India. Charles Lindbergh has asked for active service in Air Corps. Midway is still holding out. No further Jap attacks.

Tues. cont.

Late official Navy report says that Jap warships are opening off of Kodiak Island near Alaska. These ships are probably V Boats.
11:00 Special Japs have opened a powerful drive on Manila from North + South. Our lines are being pushed back. Jap dive bombers control highways.

Wed. Dec. 31

7:30 The capital of Manila is doomed. Its fall is imminent [Far East] authorities say. Japs are converging on city from 2 directions North + South. Our troops are vastly outnumbered + outgunned + are being constantly pushed back under heavy pressure. They are still fiercely resisting on all fronts. Southern front is only 12 hrs. drive from capital probably 20 mi. Japs claim they are only 4 mi. out.
McArthur has put over 350 severely injured Americans + Filipinos aboard a hospital ship that is sailing for Australia.

Jap dive-bombers practically control all roads. British are having excellent results in counter attacks in Malaya where they are on offensive.

Russia - Reds have smashed to within 60 mi of besieged Sevastopol where they may surround Nazis. They have recaptured Kirch.

12:00 The District of Columbia was blacked out for a short time last night.

The Attorney General has ordered all aliens in U.S. to surrender all cameras + short wave equipment. British claim to have sunk 5 enemy schooners in the Mediterranean.

2:00 - Hitler gave his annual New Year's speech to German People at 1:00. He said Nazis would smash Russian Armies in 1942 and would gain complete victory in this New Year. Those words sound familiar.

6:00 The Navy has renamed the Normandie the U.S.S. Lafayette. It will be made into a "navy auxiliary." What kind was not stated.

F.D.R. says that by 1943 the U.S. will be spending 50% of its national income (or about 50 billion dollars) for War purposes.

Thurs. January 1.

7:45 Singapore suffered 2 powerful Jap air attacks last night. No more news from Manila. Communication cut off. It is supposed that our soldiers will retreat to hills to carry on war if Manila falls. The fall of the capital is considered inevitable.

In Sicily a final huge battle may be going on south of Bengasi. Reports say that Nazis are massing troops + planes in Greece near Turkish border. ???